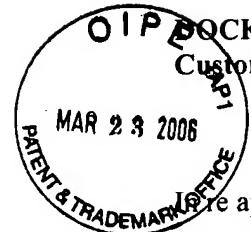


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 21, 2006, the Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I (Claims 1-14 and 21), WITH TRAVERSE.

In order for a Restriction Requirement to be proper, the Restriction Requirement must provide the particular factual basis for asserting that restriction is necessary. More specifically, the "particular reasons relied on by the examiner for holding that the inventions as claimed are either independent or distinct should be concisely stated. A mere statement of conclusion is inadequate.